

Making Jesus the King of Your Heart

2 Samuel 2-5

Introduction:

1. King Saul had finally died. No longer would he be king of God's people, Israel. Israel would now need a new king.
2. God had already chosen who that man would be. Way back in 1 Samuel 16 God sent the prophet Samuel to anoint the shepherd boy David to be king of Israel. This was many years ago, and David had been through the school of hard knocks to get to this point.
3. But even with Saul now dead, David did not become king of all Israel immediately. In fact, when you examine David's life, He became king of Israel in three stages. 2 Samuel 2-5 tells us of David's rise to power.
4. It is amazing how King David is a picture of the King of kings, the Root of David, the Offspring of David; Jesus Christ.
5. The three stages of David's rise to be king over all the land actually illustrate for us three different groups of people and their varying responses to the King. Every person in this room falls into one of these three categories.
6. Listen carefully and at the end of this message you decide which group you fit in.

First, there was a group that would not accept or receive David to be king.

1. Let's go back and examine 1 Samuel 16:1. God was looking for a new king and told Samuel He had found one. God had Samuel anoint David in front of witnesses. David then went out in the next chapter and proved His God-given anointing by slaying Goliath.
2. But wait a minute – 15 chapters and 7 years later, David had still not been **received** as king by most of the people of Israel. There was only a small remnant of people that recognized who David was and believed in him.
3. David was the anointed, yet rejected king - to the point that he was living in the land of the Philistines when chapter 2 opens up (read vs. 1).
4. David is a picture of Jesus Christ. Jesus was clearly the anointed Messiah and King of Israel. Like David, Christ proved His anointing with mighty signs and wonders, yet the people of this earth, by and large, rejected Christ and screamed, "Crucify Him." **Acts 2:22-23**
5. Jesus Christ resurrected from the dead, ascended into heaven far above all power. Paul said that he is "*the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords.*" **1 Timothy 6:15**
6. Yet, by and large, the people of the earth still reject Christ. Just as Israel chose to live under the reign of wicked King Saul (a type of Satan), people today would rather live under the tyranny of the prince of this world (Satan) rather than giving their heart to Christ the King. This is called the "lost" man. You remain lost in your sins.
7. They refuse to accept Him as Lord and King of their heart. It is not a question of whether He is the divine anointed King – **He is**, and has proved it through His resurrection, ascension, and exaltation.

8. The question is this, “Have you **received** Him as the King of your heart?” This King gave His life sacrificially for you on the cross where He made a full payment for every one of your sins. God desires for you to believe on Him and trust Him as **your** Savior and allow this Savior-King to reign in your personal heart and life. **Romans 10:9-10**

Second, there was a group that made David king over part of the land.

1. There were 12 tribes of Israel and only one tribe made David their king – the tribe of Judah (2:3-4). The other tribes allowed Saul’s son (Ishbosheth) to reign over them. The name Ishbosheth means “son of shame.” 2:8-10
2. David was the anointed king by God, but yet Israel only allowed David to reign over **part** of their land. They allowed the “man of shame” to reign over the other part.
3. What a picture of so many Christians today. We have received Christ as our Savior, but we only allow Christ to reign as Lord and King over **part** of our life, not all of it.
4. This is very dangerous. Do you know what happened as a result of Israel’s decision? Read chapters 2-4 and you will read of civil war, with the two sides in constant conflict.
 - Chapter 2 – Joab is David’s general and Abner is Ishbosheth’s general. Abner kills Joab’s brother and many men die on combat.
 - Chapter 3 – Abner deserts to David and Joab gets revenge on Abner by murdering him.
 - Chapter 4 – Two men go and murder Ishbosheth while he is sleeping.
5. Here is my point – all of this conflict and pain could have been spared if Israel would have recognized David as king over **all** the land.
6. Many times, we are like Israel. We allow Christ to have control over certain areas of our lives, but we want to have control of other areas. The Bible calls this the carnal man. He is saved and has received Christ, but has yet to give Him full control. **1 Corinthians 3:1-4, Galatians 5:17-18 (civil war)**
 - Jesus is resident, but not president. We remain carnal, fleshly, babes in Christ.
7. Jesus Christ desires to reign as King over every area of your heart and life. When God touches certain areas of our lives and wants control, we kick, and scream, and holler, and resist. We say, “That is my area.” (work, home, hobbies, pocketbook, computer, etc.)
Take a lesson from Israel. This never works. Christ must be Lord of all or He isn’t Lord of your life at all.

Third, there was a group that made king David over all the land.

1. 2 Samuel 5:1-3 – This is what Christ desires for you. He wants to be king over your entire heart. The man that allows this is called the spiritual man. You are giving God full control of your heart and life.
2. Look at 2 Samuel 3:1. What a picture for us. God’s plan is for the believer to grow spiritually and wax stronger and stronger in Christ (Colossians 2:6-7). We

- call this making Jesus Lord of your life. “Lord” means “supreme in authority, controller.” This is what God desires for you and me (Romans 12:1-2).
3. There will be no real joy, peace, or contentment for the true child of God until this happens. There was no peace for Israel until David was given control over **all** the land.
 4. Just as real as the day you got saved, you need to come to the point where you, as a believer, make Jesus the Lord and King of your life. You quit trying to retain control and you say, “Jesus, I want you to reign over every nook and cranny of my heart. I want you to be Lord and King of my heart.”
 5. When you get saved, Jesus becomes your Savior; but when you decide to give Him full control of your daily life, Jesus becomes your Lord – He is now King!

In Conclusion:

1. Okay, now we have seen all three groups, but the question is, which group do you fall in? You are in one of these three groups this morning.
 - The lost man – Jesus is the anointed King in heaven, but you have never asked this King into your heart.
 - The carnal man – Jesus, the King, lives inside, but you have yet to make Him Lord. The King has not been given full control.
 - The spiritual man – Jesus, the King, lives inside and you desire for Him to reign in full authority.
2. Only you and God truly know your heart. What about those who refuse Christ and will not acknowledge in any way that He is the anointed King and Savior?
Philippians 2:9-11
3. Wouldn't you rather make this choice right now?